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Subject: Top Tier Identification

Dear Energy Star,

Thanks for reaching out to me for comment on the new proposed Energy Star program element, to recognize "Top Tier" appliances. Please include devices that operate on DC power in this top tier category, or at least please do not exclude them. There is a trend towards DC-ready appliances for conventional buildings and homes, and I believe at this point, there is not recognition of their energy savings at this point. Specifically, I know from a visit with Energy Star staff that refrigerators are defined as appliances that consume AC, and so DC-ready versions are excluded. There should be some language that changes all of these appliance descriptions to "AC or DC input". After all, watts are watts no matter what the currency. It would be good for all parties for Energy Star to recognize the advances in efficiency that DC-ready versions of the products called out in recognition criteria have already shown.

With best regards, Paul

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